

GALT TRAFFIC



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LAST CALL

There are still a couple of stragglers who haven't paid their year 2000 chapter dues. Hey, come on you guys! We need each and every one of you. Write out a check (right now) to EAA Chapter 932 for \$10 and send it to Jeff Hill, 9610 Hidden Lane, Woodstock, IL 60098.

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting was held at the Chapter hangar Saturday the 19th at 10 AM. Ten members attended. The attendance roster is on file with the Secretary. New member Steve Dame was appointed Young Eagles Coordinator for 2000. Steve is an energetic young man with three daughters, all interested in aviation. Please come meet him at our next meeting and give him your help and support this summer – remember he's the *coordinator*, not a "one man band". No other formal business was conducted. After the meeting we adjourned to Cullum Knoll for lunch.

MARCH MEETING – VISIT THE B-17 PROJECT

The March meeting will be held Saturday, March 18 at 10 AM in the Chapter hangar at Galt. We'll motor to Marengo for an update on Mike Kellner's B-17 restoration project. Be sure to make this one! It's an annual favorite. We'll have lunch in Marengo afterwards.

GOOD IDEA!

Chapter 492 had a cool idea for promoting their chapter in the local community. They donate issues of *Sport Aviation* to their local libraries and simply put a sticker on the cover of the magazine with Chapter information on it. The sticker lets people know about their meeting schedule and lists a contact person for more information.

With nearly 50 Chapter 932 members receiving *Sport Aviation*, we could do the same thing in McHenry

County. Who'd like to help out on this? Who'd like to design a sticker? And, while we're at it, who'd like to design a much needed **Chapter Logo?** We could use this on everything, from membership cards to Chapter apparel (which we could sell at our events). Come on, all you artists and computer hackers with all that graphics software. We need your help and ideas. Bring them to the next meeting or contact any chapter officer or director at any time.

.....and while we're on the subject of promoting the Chapter, would anyone be willing to head a small group to create and maintain a **Chapter 932 website?**

.....or, would you be interested in helping the **newsletter** editor add pictures and graphics and more articles and expand to an 11"X17" (four page) format?

Well, lets go! Jump on the bandwagon and lets charge into another great flying season -- and let's share the fun with as many others as we can, too.

HOORAY FOR RAFAEL GONZALEZ!

...our Chapters newest Private Pilot. Way to Go!

LOOKING AHEAD

The **April (15th) meeting** falls during Sun 'n' Fun and may be lightly attended, but the **May (13th) meeting** is a biggie! This is when we vote for the officers and board of directors that will serve for the next two years. The current board will be proposing much needed changes to the Chapter bylaws, which will also be voted on at that time. See the April issue of *Galt Traffic* for details on all this. **REMEMBER...Beginning in May our meeting date moves to the SECOND SATURDAY of the month. Meetings will be held at 10 AM followed by YOUNG EAGLE RALLIES each month (11 to 4).**

YOUNG EAGLE CERTIFICATES

Do not lose or toss! They're worth \$1 each toward sending a youngster to one of the youth sessions at OSH. We'd like to pool our certificates to help one deserving youngster. Would you like to suggest one? More on this in the April issue of *Galt Traffic*.

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FAMOUS FIRSTS IN AVIATION FROM 1940 to 1980

- 1940 First wartime use of military gliders.** German commandos make successful glider assault on Belgium's Fort Eben-Emael during WWII (May 10).
- 1941-1945 Most combat missions flown by a pilot in any war.** Captain Hans-Ulrich Rudel of Germany flew 2,530 combat missions during WWII while flying a JU-87 Stuka dive bomber. He survived the war.
- 1942-1945 Top scoring fighter pilot of any war.** German Luftwaffe ace Maj. Erich Hartmann scored 352 victories all while flying a Messerschmitt BF 109 during WWII. He was involved in 800 dogfights, and flew 1,425 missions. Maj. Hartmann survived the war.
- First American jet plane flight.** Robert Stanley, chief pilot for Bell Aircraft Corp., flew the Bell XP-59 *Airacomet* at Muroc Army Base, Calif. (Oct. 1).
- First woman fighter pilot to shoot down an enemy aircraft.** Soviet Lieutenant, Lilya Litvyak, flying a Yak-1 fighter of the women's 586th Fighter Aviation Regiment, shoots down two German planes over Stalingrad on Sept. 13, 1942.
- 1944 The first production stage rocket-engine fighter plane,** the German Messerschmitt Me 163B *Komet* (test flown 1941) becomes operational in June 1944. Some 350 of these delta-wing fighters were built before WWII in Europe ended.
- 1947 First piloted supersonic flight in an airplane.** Capt. Charles E. Yeager, U.S. Air Force, flew the X-1 rocket-powered research plane built by Bell Aircraft Corp., faster than the speed of sound at Muroc Air Force Base, California (Oct. 14).
- 1949 First round-the-world nonstop flight.** Capt. James Gallagher and USAF crew of 13 flew a Boeing B-50A Superfortress around the world nonstop from Ft. Worth, returning to same point: 23,452 mi. in 94 h 1 min, with 4 aerial refuelings enroute (Feb. 27-March 2).
- 1950 First nonstop transatlantic jet flight.** Col. David C. Schilling (USAF) flew 3,300 mi. from England to Limestone, Maine, in 10 h 1 min. (9/22)
- 1951 First solo across North Pole.** Charles F. Blair, Jr., flew a converted P-51 (May 29).
- 1952 First jetliner service.** De Havilland Comet flight inaugurated by BOAC between London and Johannesburg, South Africa (May 2)
- First transatlantic helicopter flight.** Capt. Vincent H. McGovern and 1st Lt. Harold W. Moore piloted 2 Sikorsky H-19s from Westover, Mass., to Prestwick, Scotland (3,410 mi.). Trip was made in

5 steps, with flying time of 42 h 25 min (July 15-31).

- First transatlantic round trip in same day.** British Canberra twin-jet bomber flew from Aldergrove, Northern Ireland, to Gander, Newfoundland, and back in 7 h 59 min flying time (Aug. 26).
- 1955 First transcontinental round trip in same day.** Lt. John M. Conroy piloted F-86 Sabrejet across U.S. (Los Angeles-New York) and back—5,085 mi.—in 11 h 33 min 27 sec (May 21).
- 1957 First round-the-world, nonstop jet plane flight.** Maj. Gen. Archie J. Old, Jr., USAF, led a flight of 3 Boeing B-52 bombers, powered with 8 10,000-lb. thrust Pratt & Whitney Aircraft J57 engines around the world in 45 h 19 min; distance 24,325 mi.; average speed 525 mph. (Completed Jan. 18.)
- 1958 First transatlantic jet passenger service.** BOAC, New York to London (Oct. 4). Pan American started daily service, N.Y. to Paris (Oct. 26).
- First domestic jet passenger service.** National Airlines inaugurated service between New York and Miami (Dec. 10).
- 1968 Prototype of world's first supersonic airliner,** the Soviet-designed Tupolev Tu-144 made first flight, Dec. 31. It first achieved supersonic speed on June 5, 1969.
- 1973 First female pilot of a U.S. major scheduled airline.** Emily H. Warner became employed by Frontier Airlines on January 29 as second officer on a Boeing 737.
- 1976 First regularly-scheduled commercial supersonic transport (SST) flights begin.** Air France and British Airways inaugurate service (January 21). Air France flies the Paris-Rio de Janeiro route; B.A., the London-Bahrain. Both airlines begin SST service to Washington, D.C. (May 24).
- 1977 First successful man-powered aircraft.** Paul MacCready, an aeronautical engineer from Pasadena, Calif., was awarded the Kremer Prize for creating the world's first successful man-powered aircraft. The *Gossamer Condor* was flown by Bryan Allen over the required 3-mile course on Aug. 23.
- 1978 First successful transatlantic balloon flight.** Three Albuquerque, N.M., men, Ben Abruzzo, Larry Newman, and Maxie Anderson, completed the crossing (Aug. 16. Landed, Aug. 17) in their helium-filled balloon, *Double Eagle II*.

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